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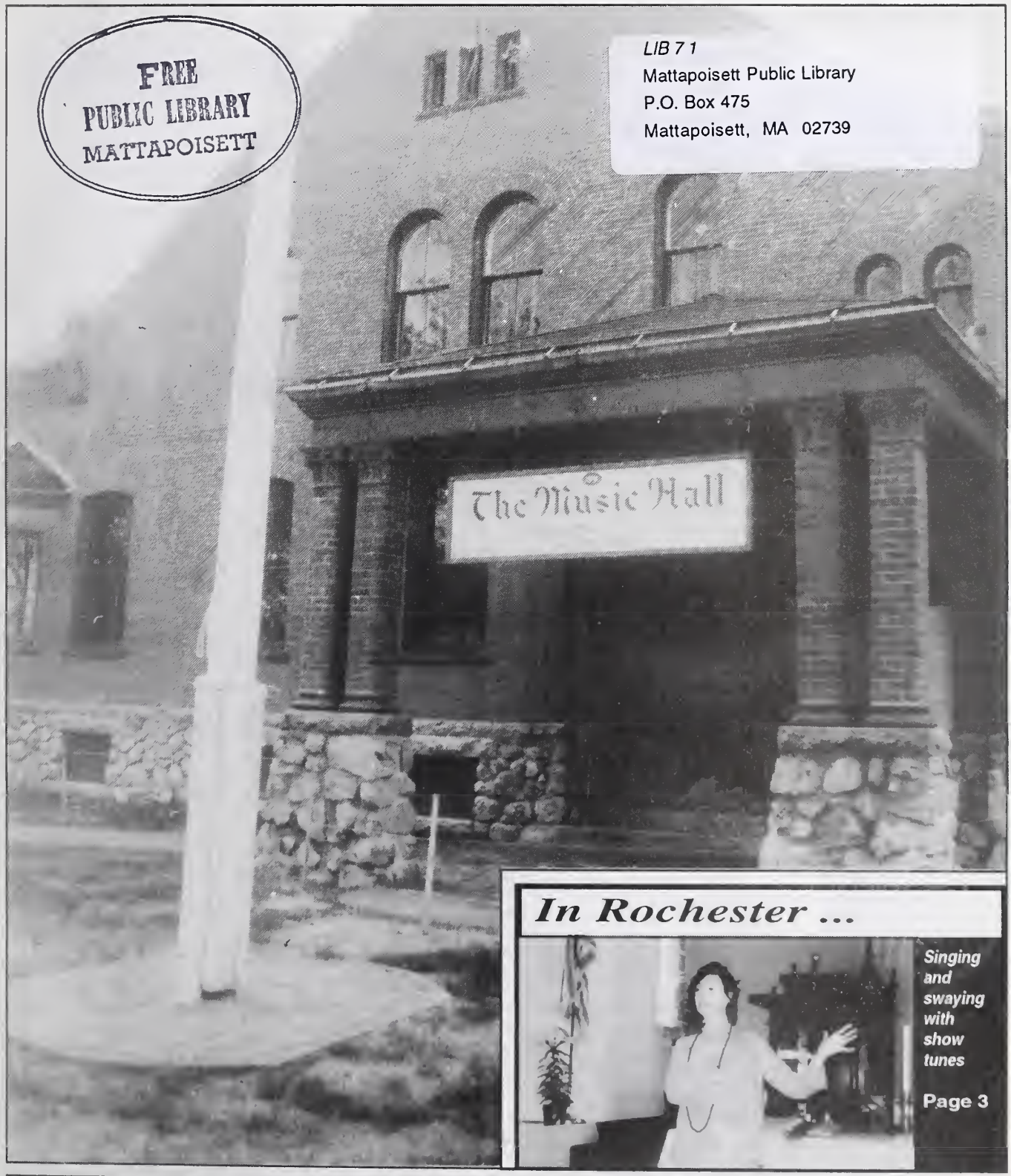

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Marion Music Hall Hosts Stage Classic

This Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 at 8:00 pm, the Marion Art Center will present the play "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder in the newly-restored Music Hall as a gift to the town to celebrate the recent re-opening of the historic Romanesque structure.

Many concerts and theatrical events have taken place in the Music Hall in Marion over the years. In 1932, a play called "Aren't We All" featured 100 local people in the show. The Hornblowers produced "You Can't Take It With You" and other pieces in the historic old building before moving to the Art Center in 1957.

Over 30 people will have speaking parts in the Pulitzer Prize-winning play. The directors are Jane Babbitt and Donn Tyler. The play is narrated by the stage manager, played by David Horne, who also serves as shop keeper, minister, and omniscient guide. The plot begins with a simple day in the life of a small town (named Grovers Corners, but it could easily be Marion) beginning May 7, 1901, followed by Acts II and III spanning about 15 years. This timeless piece explores universal themes, emotions, and experiences and is profound in its simplicity.

There are two typical families: the Webbs and the Gibbs. Thom O'Shaughnessey plays Dr. Gibbs with Kim Kubik Keene as his wife, Andy Campbell as their son George, and Sarah Pierce as his little sister.

The Webb family consists of David Pierce as Editor Webb, Cheryl Larson as his wife, J. J. Lynch as their daughter Emily, and Ronan Babbitt as her little brother. There are the milkman, the paper boy, the choir director, and assorted townspeople played by Charlie Latham, Vic Bender, Peter Smith, John Ogren, Kay Sweeney, Jack McCarthy, Pete Havel, Ted Babbitt, and Brian Scott as the constable. There will also be cameo roles by members of the audience.

There is no admission charge. FREE tickets are available at the Marion Art Center during normal gallery hours: Tuesday - Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. No telephone reservations will be accepted for this show.

Show Stopper

Ruth Harcovitz Performs in Rochester

Ruth Harcovitz, a singer who has given hundreds of performances for community organizations throughout the Boston area, performed for the Rochester Council on Aging this past Tuesday, April 28 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in the Rochester Congregational Church Sanctuary.

Ms. Harcovitz presented a program titled "Cole, George, Jerome, and Irving," which was comprised of show tunes from America's most popular tunesmiths. The event was sponsored by the Rochester Cultural Council, a local agency of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Rochester Council on Aging, and the First Congregational Church of Rochester.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

April 28, 1998

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, April 28, 1998 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul R. Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Michele Bernier, Selectman Barry Denham, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

Executive Secretary Carol Adams first asked to make the following formal statement to the board and the residents of Mattapoisett:

"Saturday evening (April 25) my home was vandalized with malicious, filthy graffiti. At the same time, (former Selectman) Jack DeCosta's garage was spray-painted and (Building Inspector) Andy Bobola's truck tires were slashed. I cannot convey to you how violated I feel — that my home, where I should be safe, was made the target of a vendetta of a sick individual or individuals.

"I have worked 27 years for the good, honest people of Mattapoisett, and Mattapoisett is a community of good, honest people. It is unfortunate that the actions of a few can create such a negative and now fearful atmosphere for all town officials and employees. I will not make further comment, but I felt it was important for the people of Mattapoisett to know what my

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On the cover: *The historic Music Hall in Marion will be buzzing with activity this weekend as town residents are treated to a performance of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" on Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 at 8:00 pm. Some FREE tickets are still available at the Marion Art Center during normal gallery hours: Tuesday - Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, but those interested are advised to hurry as seating is limited. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

Cover insert: *Singer Ruth Harcovitz performed classic show tunes for the members of the Rochester Council on Aging this past Tuesday, April 28 at the First Congregational Church in Rochester. The 1:30 pm performance was co-sponsored by the Rochester Cultural Council, a local agency of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Rochester Council on Aging, and the First Congregational Church of Rochester. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

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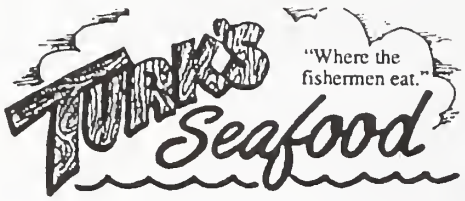

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husband, myself, and others have been subjected to."

Former Selectman DeCosta was present at the meeting and echoed Ms. Adams' sentiments. "I feel very sad that something like this has to happen in Mattapoisett," he said. "And I feel especially sorry for Carol Adams ... my house is minor compared to hers."

"The case is under investigation by the Police Department, so I can't really say much more about it," added Chairman Paul Lambalot. "I feel bad for Carol, Jackie and Andy ... for people like this who serve the public, their homes should be off-limits to such vandalism."

At 7:05 pm the board met with Town Moderator William Blasdale as a member of the Town Accountant Search Committee to recommend someone to replace former Town Accountant Joseph Bolton who recently resigned his position. "We've met with 11 candidates for the position and have interviewed them all," Mr. Blasdale said. "We've been very pleased with the caliber of the candidates ... and one really stood out who we'd recommend for a further interview with the Board of Selectmen: Judith M. Mooney of Mattapoisett."

Mr. Blasdale noted that Ms. Mooney has a BS degree in Management from UMass Dartmouth and a Master's degree in the same from Lesley College. She formerly worked at Bristol Community College and currently works at the Center for Blood Research in Boston.

The board agreed to schedule time to meet and interview Ms. Mooney at the next available meeting and hoped they could meet with her prior to next week's Annual Town Meeting on May 4.

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At 7:15 pm the board met with Town Clerk Lois Ennis to discuss Article 37 on the Annual Town Meeting, which requests a debt exclusion of $90,000 to cover Mattapoisett's share of funding for repairs to Old Rochester Regional High School. Since the project has already been approved by the ORR Regional School Committee, Ms. Ennis noted that if one of the three towns fails to approve the funding, the project could not proceed.

"We've talked with the Bond Council, and we neglected to put a statement in the (Town Meeting) warrant saying we approve the project," Ms. Ennis said. "We've got to give the voters a chance to discuss it at Town Meeting ... but the way the article is drafted, it can't be amended."

As such, Ms. Ennis suggested posting a Special Town Meeting for May 14, which the board unanimously approved. This Special Town Meeting would be held only if Article 37 does

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The following meetings were scheduled for the week:

• Thursday, April 30 - Cable Advisory Board at 7:00 pm in Town Hall Copy Room;

• Thursday, April 30 - Marine Advisory Board at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's Office;

• Thursday, April 30 - Capital Needs Committee at 7:30 pm in the Selectmen's Secretary's Office;

• Friday, May 1 at 3:30 pm - Bid Openings for the Town Hall Renovation Project;

• Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 pm - Pre-Town Meeting at Old Hammondtown School;

• Monday, May 4 - Annual Town Meeting at Old Rochester Regional High School beginning at 7:30 pm (with possible follow-up on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:30 pm).

Ms. Adams noted that annual re-appointment time is once again upon them, and she and Melody Pacheco will be preparing a list of appointed town officials within the next couple of weeks for the board to consider re-appointing. "In the meantime, committees can still convene and attend meetings, even if their term expires on April 30," she said. "I'd only suggest that they wait until the entire committee has been re-appointed to reorganize. Also, anyone interested in serving on an appointed board can still submit a letter of interest (to the board) as soon as possible."

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

• Letters of interest from the follow who wish to be considered for appointment to the Marine Advisory Board: Peter L. Foster, Jim Wheeler, Michael Costello, and Calvin F. Perkins, Jr.

• Memo from Chairman Jo Pannell of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) requesting assurance that a correction in their line item is made at the Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Adams noted that this line item will have to be amended on Town Meeting floor.

• Request from Wayne R. Vandal to be appointed as a

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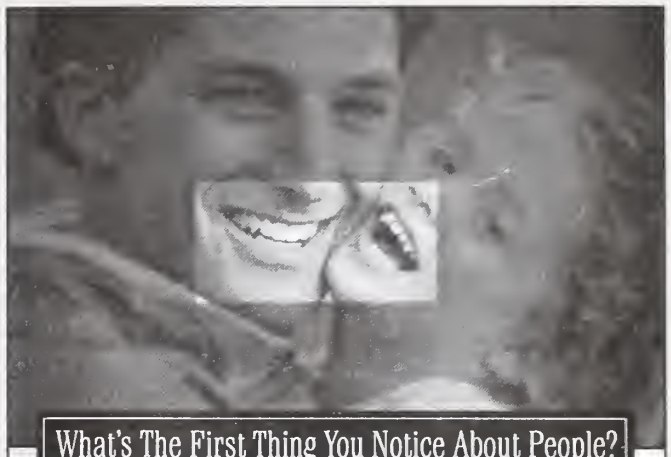
• Notice from the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) alerting towns that on April 15 the state's House of Representatives voted a Local Aid Resolution that would cut Chapter 70 school aid for local cities and towns. MMA asks that everyone contact their legislators about this issue. Selectman Bernier suggested they draft a letter of support to Representative William Straus and Senator Marc Pacheco ... adding that mention should be made of how Special Needs Programs are hitting town budgets. Chairman Lambalot suggested that all residents call and/or write their legislators about this crucial matter.

• Notice from the Department of Environmental Management that Krista Rousseau, a Grade 5 student at Old Hammondtown School, won First Place in their 1998 Massachusetts Arbor Day Poster Contest. An awards ceremony



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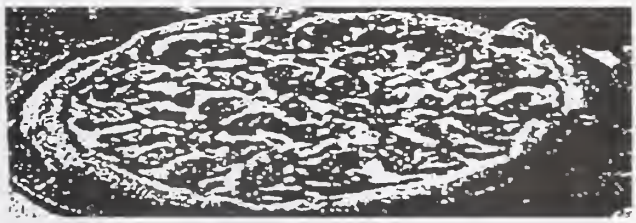

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• Request from the Rochester Firefighters' Association to hold the Annual Memorial Day Boat Race on May 25 at the Herring Weir on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The board also unanimously approved a one-day common victualler's license to run the food concession (hot dog) stand at the event.

At 7:30 pm the board opened a Dog Hearing upon the complaint of Deborah Daniell of 8 Baptist Street against dogs owned by Rachel Yonush of 33 Main Street. Ms. Daniell was concerned that two rotweillers owned by Ms. Yonush have several times gotten loose from her property and frightened her and her dog. On March 6, Ms. Daniell was forced to fend off the growling dogs with her plastic pooper scooper. Back in October/November of 1997, one of the dogs bit Ms. Daniell's dog. Ms. Daniell has since taken to carrying mace and a stick when walking her dog.

"I feel I have the right to walk down the street without being threatened by these dogs or their owner," Ms. Daniell said. "I keep my dog on a leash, I do what I'm supposed to. It's sad that I have to walk around carrying a stick and mace to defend myself."

Attorney Michael O'Brien, who was representing Ms. Yonush, maintained that her dogs were not vicious animals and he has talked with Animal Control Officer (ACO) Brian Nunes who has never seen the dogs loose or received any other complaints besides those raised by Ms. Daniell. "Of the four complaints (Ms. Daniell) made, I would submit to you that the dogs have only gotten loose twice in the last nine months," Mr.

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O'Brien said. "There haven't been any complaints from neighbors or kids in the area ... and they are now confined in a sturdier pen."

After hearing further testimony from other witnesses, the board agreed to continue the hearing to June 30, 1998 and in the meantime have ACO Nunes examine the pen where the animals are kept on Ms. Yanoush's property. "If there are no other complaints made at that time, we will close the hearing," Chairman Lambalot said.

At 8:15 pm the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation matters with Town Counsel Thomas Crotty. They would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

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Marion Annual Town Meeting

April 27, 1998

By Kenneth J. Souza

Over 120 registered voters in the Town of Marion convened in the auditorium of Sippican School on Monday, April 27, 1998 at 6:50 pm for the first evening of the Annual Town Meeting. Voters readily approved the bulk of the first 26 articles on the 36-article warrant via unanimous vote.

Town Moderator David B. Titus called the meeting to order noting the presence of the required 50-voter quorum, followed by an invocation and the singing of the National Anthem. Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Steve Hayes then discussed an overview of the FinCom's report and recommendations for Town Meeting articles.

"I think the town is in good financial condition," Mr. Hayes said. "There are two articles on the warrant requesting funding for capital expenditures at Sippican School and ORR High School which are going to place a permanent increase on the tax rate over the next 20 years. Our conclusion is that the town is going to be forced to live with overrides to fund ongoing town operations."

Though most of the routine funding and departmental purchase articles were readily approved by voters, the first major bone of contention was ARTICLE 3, which asked voters to appropriate $3 million for the Department of Public Works (DPW) to construct

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improvements to the town's Wastewater Treatment Plant and add a fourth lagoon to the site. The appropriation would be contingent upon receiving a no-interest, 20-year loan through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, and would not require an increase in the tax rate or water fees.

Selectman Loretta Schaefer explained that this addition to the facility would allow the town to handle increased sewer flow in the future and meet the requirements of their state discharge permit. "Right now we have a moratorium on sewer connections ... with the fourth lagoon, we'll be able to decrease the treatment time," she said.

Resident Donald Weber wanted to amend the

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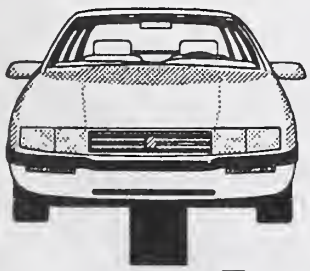

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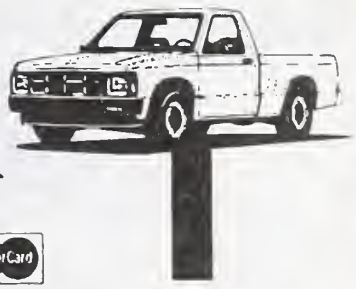

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article as written to exclude any planning or engineering of sewer projects outside of the town's existing system. "We read now that the article will include an innovative program called 'Flush and Forget It' which will cost $100,000," Mr. Weber said. "I want to make sure my tax dollars aren't being used to support something which I don't agree with philosophically."

But Edwin "Ted" Pratt disagreed with Mr. Weber's amendment. "Your amendment should be modified, because now you are excluding all sewer extensions," he said. "I want to keep collection and extension projects available to people who desperately need them."

Other residents questioned the wording of the article, saying it wasn't clear as what "improvements" would be made to the treatment plant. "It would make me more comfortable to be able to see this (amended article) in writing," said resident Annie Rockwell.

"The fourth lagoon is designed to handle the existing capacity of the plant plus additional tie-ins," said Executive Secretary Ray Pickles. "If we don't vote it in this year, we won't be able to meet our discharge requirements ... and we'll be back next year under an administrative order." ARTICLE 3 was carried via the required 2/3 majority vote.

Residents also discussed at length the allocation of $159,569 to fund state-mandated Special Needs programs at Sippican School under ARTICLE 4. School

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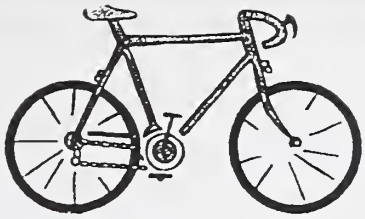

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Committee member Ben Bryan noted that the school has seen a 75 percent increase in Special Needs programs over the last four years — a major expenditure which comprises 22.5 percent of the total school budget. Unlike other budget items, however, Special Needs programs are mandated by the state, so if funding is not allocated, other programs will be forced to take the hit.

"We are mandated by the state to pay for Special Needs students," Mr. Bryan said. "If this isn't approved, the money will have to come out of the regular school budget." The article was carried via majority vote.

The closest vote of the evening centered on dogs having their day at the beach. Under ARTICLE 26, which was placed on the warrant by signed petition, voters were asked to amend the town By-Laws to allow dogs on town beaches under the control of their owners during the off-season (from October 16 through April 30). Owners are also required to provide a "pooper scooper" to remove any dog waste. Under the current by-laws, dogs are not allowed on any town beaches at any time.

Many dog owners felt that they needed a place to walk their dogs in town, since much of it is off-limits. But others were opposed to allowing dogs on the public beaches.

"I think it's preposterous to allow dogs on the same beach that children are using," said resident John Henry.

"This is a Board of Health (BOH) issue," said BOH member Albin Johnson. "We do periodic testing for

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water quality ... and we could very well be faced with closing the town beaches if we come up with a high coliform count. We would hate to be forced to close the beach because of dog waste."

Resident Ted Pratt suggested this matter needed further research before being approved. "There is a Board of Health regulation still in force which prohibits all dogs from town beaches, so that would have to be rectified," he said. "There's also a question of enforcement. I would suggest that this not be passed now and be reworked by the Animal Control Officer and Board of Health."

Despite pros and cons on both sides of the issue, ARTICLE 26 was approved by a narrow margin of 65 in favor to 56 against.

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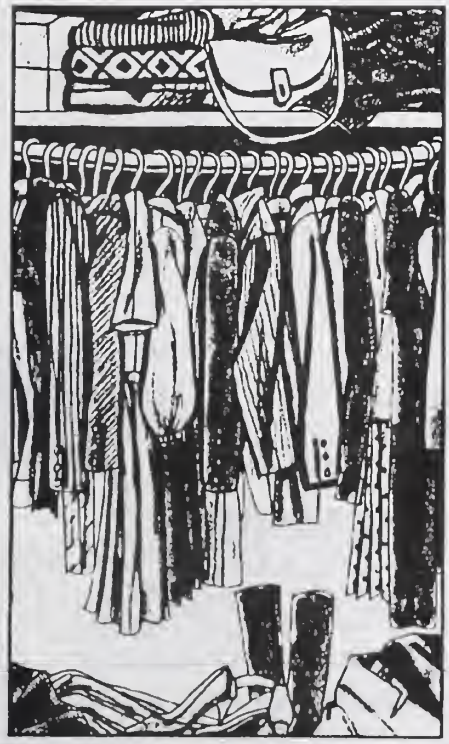

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• Various annual compensation amounts for elected town officials under ARTICLE 1;

• A $10,540,152 General Operating Budget under ARTICLE 2;

• Override of $38,726 to cover Marion's share of new programs at ORR Junior and Senior High Schools under ARTICLE 5;

• Override of $35,570 to hire an additional utility operator for the town's Water/Sewer Division under ARTICLE 6;

• Appropriation of $500,000 bond to hire an architect and engineer for renovations and an addition to Sippican School under ARTICLE 7;

• Override of $59,850 to cover Marion's share of the $220,000 architectural design, engineering and planning at ORR Junior and Senior High Schools under ARTICLE 8;

• Override of $65,000 to purchase air packs for the Fire Department under ARTICLE 9;

• Override of $30,000 to make repairs and renovations to the Town House to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements under ARTICLE 10;

• Appropriation of $35,000 to purchase a tractor-mower for the Department of Public Works under ARTICLE 11;

• Appropriation of $10,000 to make repairs to the Great Hill water tank under ARTICLE 12;

• Transfer $10,000 from Free Cash to be used toward state-aid construction and improvements under ARTICLE 13;

• Appropriate $26,000 to purchase a new police cruiser for the Police Department under ARTICLE 14;

• Appropriate $10,000 to repair and equip an existing fire rescue boat for the Fire Department under

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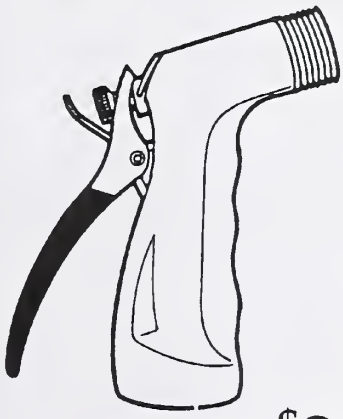

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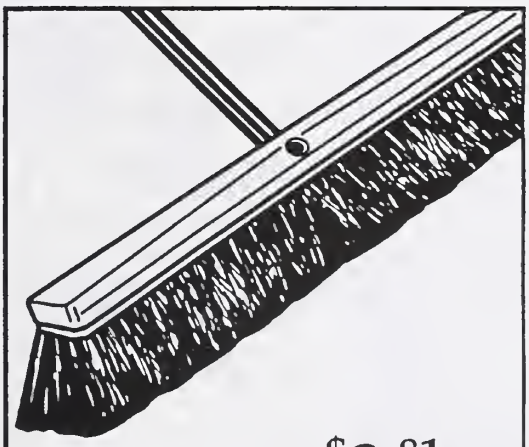

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ARTICLE 15;

• Override of $8,000 as the town's share to purchase a $40,000 senior handicapped van for the Council on Aging under ARTICLE 16;

• Override of $27,000 to be used by the Recreation Committee to rebuild and resurface the Town House tennis courts under ARTICLE 17;

• Appropriate $5,500 to upgrade the Police Department computer software and hardware under ARTICLE 18;

• Appropriate $2,025 to be used by the Planning Board for computer mapping equipment under ARTICLE 19;

• Appropriate $2,500 for water quality testing to be conducted by the Buzzards Bay Coalition under ARTICLE 20;

• Appropriate $1,500 to support the work of the Legal Services for Cape Cod and the Islands, Inc. which provides free legal service to low-income families under ARTICLE 21;

• Transfer $7,000 from the Chester A. Vose Fund to reduce the tax rate under ARTICLE 22;

• Postpone and consider ARTICLE 23 out of order until the end of both the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting to see how much money remained the Free Cash account;

• Authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease approximately 5,000 square feet of land north of Benson Brook Road to Omnipoint Communications for a wireless communications tower under ARTICLE 24;

• Authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign a permanent easement with Commonwealth Electric Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to install poles and wires on a 15-foot easement of town-owned property on Benson Brook Road under ARTICLE 25.

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At 10:05 pm, voters unanimously agreed to recess the Town Meeting until the following evening, Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 pm.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

April 28, 1998

By Josh Bettencourt

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, April 28, 1998 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard D. Cutler. Also present were Selectman Lorraine Roy Hawkes, Selectman William D. Chamberlain, Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere, and Executive Secretary Russell Dean.

The meeting started off with an Open Session to discuss Police Lieutenant Jamie Simpson and what

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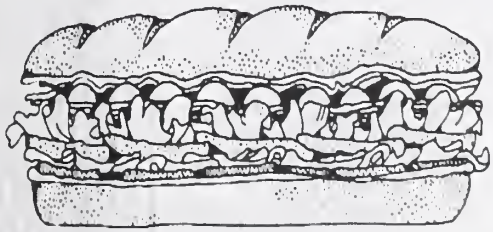

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happened on the night of February 6, 1998. Town Counsel was present for the hearing — which was held in Open Session at Lieutenant Simpson's request — and first questioned Officer Louis Ouellette about the events surrounding the fatal automobile accident and death of Jacob Duff.

Apparently, Police Chief Walter Denham had some concerns over Lieutenant Simpson's actions in response to the motor vehicle accident and requested a hearing before the Board of Selectmen. It was alleged that Lieutenant Simpson removed an unmarked bottle of liquid from the vehicle (along with other personal belongings) and returned them to the family of Mr. Duff without any further investigation.

Lieutenant Simpson, in his testimony, claimed the liquid appeared to be some type of soap, but he did not open the bottle or smell or taste its contents.

When questioned about the matter, Police Chief Walter Denham said he has serious doubts about Lieutenant Simpson maintaining his rank with the department. He feels he can't trust him on the job. Chief Denham also requested that Lieutenant Simpson be dropped in rank to Sergeant and be suspended for two days. Chief Denham feels that Lieutenant Simpson deserves a more serious punishment and that he could eventually be discharged from the police force. The board agreed to continue their discussion on Thursday, April 30 at 6:00 pm.

The board and members of the Rochester School Committee next unanimously voted to appoint Gus Costa to the Old Colony Regional Vocational School Committee. The Selectmen then reviewed the articles which will appear on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant slated for Monday, May 11. With the sole exception of Article 24, the board and Finance Committee (FinCom)

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Your support is needed. In order for this question to reach the ballot at the Special Town Election on June 16, it must first pass with a majority vote at Town Meeting. The override is found under Article 10, midway through the General Budget on the Warrant. The line item is set at $105,560. The town will mail a copy of the warrant to all residents.

It is also important to mention that state mandated programs are currently reimbursed to the town at a 30% rate. Our local school operating budgets must absorb the balance. We can all lobby our state legislature to increase this rate to the 60% reimbursement rate most other states pay to their local schools. This would greatly alleviate the strain on our schools' budgets and our local tax rates. It would also ensure that all of our children receive the best education that our wonderful schools have to offer.

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agreed to recommend all the items which appear on the warrant.

Dr. Mary Warren next came before the board to offer a dog complaint. The board informed her that they will have to schedule a formal hearing in order to allow the dog owners to respond. They agreed to notify the appropriate parties and schedule a hearing for Monday, May 18, 1998.

In honor of a retirement party for Mattapoisett Selectman John "Jack" DeCosta later in the week, the board unanimously voted to name Mr. DeCosta an honorary citizen of the Town of Rochester. They also plan to present him with the Rochester Town Seal at the event.

The board also voted to reappoint all the major town officials for the year, with the sole exceptions of one member of the Mary's Pond Beach Committee (who needs to be identified) and Fire Chief Scott Ashworth, with whom Selectman Hawkes would like to meet to discuss some issues before agreeing to reappoint.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The (Mattapoisett) Selectmen's meeting of Tuesday, April 14 made me mad and sad. Once again the women of Mattapoisett were pushed aside. Tradition has been that the member of the board whose turn will expire serves as Chairman, but not this year. No, the two male Selectmen defeated the lone

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female Selectman. Why? Did they assume that a woman could not handle the job — well, shame on them! Women are not second-class citizens and do not treat us that way! Shame on the male Selectmen. Women of Mattapoisett, remember this next election.
Sincerely,
Barbara P. Ketchel
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

We, the twelve members of the recently-completed "Adult Computer Class" at ORR Junior High School, wish to offer our most sincere thanks to all who made it possible for us to enter the computer age. The entire administration at ORR made available the new computer room for our use after school hours. Our knowledgeable instructor, Jordan Collyer, is a senior at ORR High School and although he has been very busy with college preparation and a demanding job, he still found time as a volunteer to bring us into the world of computers. Jordan tutored many levels from how to turn the computer on to cruising the Internet.

Although few of us plan to enter the workforce as computer experts, the class has made us much more comfortable

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Sincerely,
ORR Junior High Adult Computer Class

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The Wanderer Keel Award

The Wanderer is currently soliciting nominations for their fifth annual "Wanderer Keel Award."

The yearly honor — which will be presented to one resident from each of the five towns in our circulation area — will be announced in our May 21, 1998 issue and each winner will be the subject of a short feature highlighting their contributions to the local community. But *The Wanderer* needs your help in selecting these "unsung heroes."

The requirements are simple. Nominees must be legal residents of Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, Acushnet, or Fairhaven (at least five years), and must have contributed in some way to the overall benefit of the community — either directly to town residents, or indirectly through their efforts in promoting town activities, or working to keep the wheels of local government well-oiled. The only restriction is that these persons cannot benefit from their efforts in any way — either financially or politically.

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remain otherwise anonymous but provide crucial support to many town functions.

Like the keel of a ship which keeps the vessel from capsizing, the recipients of the Annual Wanderer Keel Award will be recognized for their stalwart efforts in keeping the local community on an "even keel."

Past recipients of this honor include:

• Mattapoisett - Maurice "Mudgie" Tavares (1994); Priscilla Alden Hathaway (1995); Norma Holt (1996); Gale Hudson (1997);

• Marion - Claire Russell (1994); Ralph and Phyllis Washburn (1995); Annie Giberti (1996); Jay Crowley (1997);

• Rochester - Joseph McCarthy (1994); Jean Fennell (1995); Katherine Hartley Church (1996); Chris Byron (1997);

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number of recommended nominees, along with a short description of their key contributions over the past year, to: Keel Award, *The Wanderer*, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The deadline for nominations is **Monday, May 18 at 3:00 pm.** Recipients will be contacted by phone on Tuesday, May 19 prior to publication in the May 21 issue. Staff members of *The Wanderer* and employees of Wanderer Communications are not eligible for consideration.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church

Women's Community Guild

The Women's Community Guild of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 5 at 1:00 pm in Reynard Hall. The program will feature a performance by the Old Hammondtown School Jazz Band under the direction of Mr. Stan Ellis. Guests are always welcome.

Spring Rummage Sale

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church will be holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Wednesday, May 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Thursday, May 7 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in Reynard Hall. On May 7 only, the cost will be $1 per bag.

Habitat for Cats Benefit

Habitat for Cats, a local grassroots, non-profit organization, is holding its first Benefit Yard Sale on May

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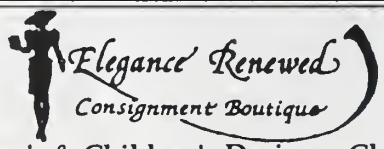

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Mattapoisett Firefighters Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Firefighters' Auxiliary is now accepting applications for their annual scholarship. Applicants must be children of Mattapoisett Firefighters or Auxiliary members. The scholarship is also available to Mattapoisett Firefighters or Auxiliary members along with respective spouses or stepchildren.

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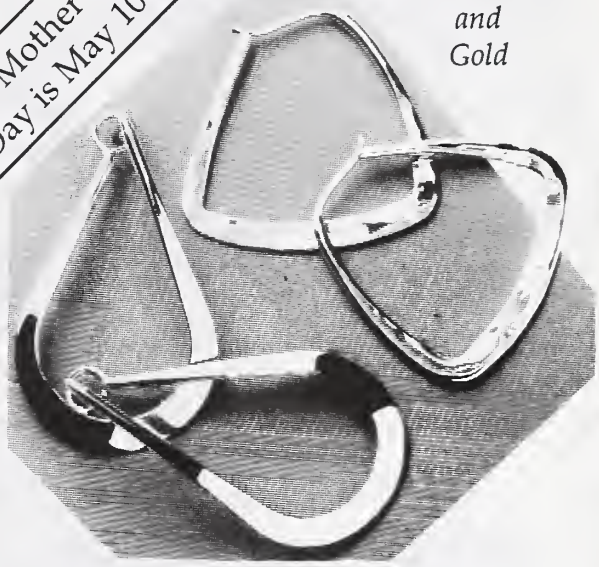

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Memorial Day Boat Race

The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoisett River will take place on Monday, May 25 starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir on Snipatuit Road in Rochester and finish at the Herring Weir on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The race is open to persons of all ages, with a limit of two persons per boat. There are divisions for men, women, junior boys, junior girls, co-ed, and a parent/child division (child must be under 14 years old). Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years old.

Pre-registration is required. Contestants may register at the Rochester Memorial School on Friday, May 8 and at the Rochester Grange Hall on Friday, May 15 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. No registrations will be accepted after May 15 at 8:00 pm.

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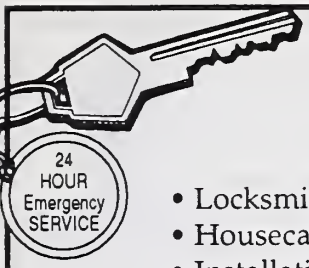

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The Boat Race Ham and Bean Supper will be served on the Saturday evening of Memorial Day weekend, May 23 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Rochester Memorial School. Tickets for the supper may be purchased from a boat race contestant or at the door. Proceeds from the supper, along with donations collected on Memorial Day, provide the money for the prizes.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded on Memorial Day at the Rochester Memorial School at 7:30 pm. For further information, please contact Boat Race Chairman

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For every new patient who is a member of the Police Department or is an immediate family member of a police officer, Dr. Kenyon will give a discount of $75. In addition, for every police officer treated, Dr. Kenyon will make a donation of $15 to the Police Association Fund. This program will run for the entire month of May, 1998. Anyone who wishes to participate in the "Police Appreciation Month" program can call Kristen at 758-4818 or 295-8800 for more information.

Machacam Club - Mattapoisett

The Machacam Club will hold its May meeting on Wednesday, May 6 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour will begin at 5:30 pm, with dinner service at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Captain Daniel

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Tri-County Music Association

The Annual Meeting of the Tri-County Music Association will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 20 at the home of Alan Novick, Esq., President of the Association. The address is 7 Woodlawn Road in North Dartmouth. All subscribers are automatically members of the Association and are cordially invited to participate in the Annual Meeting.

The Tri-County Music Association has just completed its 36th year as sponsor of the Tri-County Symphonic Band, a concert band in the American tradition. During the year concerts were given at Old Rochester Regional High School, Apponequet High

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School in Lakeville, and at UMass Dartmouth. The high point of the season was the joint concert of Our Lady of Light Band at Durfee High School in Fall River.

The Association regularly awards scholarships for college-level study to promising students of music and for 1997-1998 the award went to Mr. Joseph Bradleyfulco. Over the years some 75 students have received awards. The Association is grateful for the support it receives from local Cultural Councils in Carver, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Wareham, and Fall River.

"Grandma Holiday" in Acushnet

Judy Bernstein is proud to present "Grandma Takes A Holiday," a humorous sketch told in song and story of grandma's trip around the world. The performance will take place on Saturday, May 16 at 7:00 pm at the Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church, 67 Main Street, in Acushnet, MA. Tickets are $6. For reservations, please call Sandy Coyle at 995-1668 or Thora Mulroy at 995-1722. Refreshments will be available.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Center School Luncheon

The Center School Luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 13 at 1:00 pm. Van transportation will be available. Please call the Senior Center at 758-4110 to sign up for this activity. Spaces are limited, and only a few spots remain so be sure to sign up early.

Mall Trip

The next Mall Trip will be to the Swansea Mall on May 7. The van will leave Mattapoisett at 9:15 am. Please call to reserve a space on the van (758-4110).

PawSox Game

There will be a trip to the Pawtucket Red Sox game on Wednesday, May 20. The cost will be $8 for a box seat and concession coupon. Please let the Council on Aging (COA) know by May 3 if you are interested in this trip. The game will begin at 12:00 noon and it will be against the Indianapolis Indians.

Podiatrist

Dr. Crowe will be at Village Court on Wednesday, May 20. Please call the Senior Center (758-4110) if you need to make an appointment.

SHINE Counselor

The SHINE Counselor is available on Monday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. You do not need an appointment to get help with any health care insurance issues. Just stop in and Bob Walter will help you.

TV Host to Speak in Marion

On Tuesday, May 5 at 9:00 am in St. Gabriel's Parish Hall, the Marion Garden Discussion Group will host a special program. TV personality John Knox, co-host of the television series "Breaking Ground," a flagship production of the Home and Garden Television Network

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An accomplished artist, John began photographing the gardens he discovered while on location and creating hand-painted images using pastels over the photo transfer prints. Galleries in Milton, MA and Woodbury, CT sell his prints. John will bring some to share with the group.

"Breaking Ground" can be seen on HGTV on Monday at 1:00 and 5:30 pm; Wednesday at 8:30 and 11:30 pm; and Saturday and Sunday at 11:00 am.

The Marion Garden Discussion Group plants and cares for the lovely flower boxes which adorn many of the buildings around the village, adding greatly to the ambience of Marion's public and business areas. The proceeds from this program will be used by the Garden Group in continuing its efforts to beautify the village center.

Hearts and Hands Bike-A-Thon

On Sunday, May 17, the Mattapoisett Police Brotherhood in conjunction with the community-based organization, Hearts and Hands, will be hosting its Third Annual Bike-A-Thon/Walk-A-Thon. All proceeds will go to Hearts and Hands to provide continued support services to families with medically-fragile children.

Registration begins at 9:00 am at the Salvation Army Thrift Store parking lot, 51 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett. The raindate will be May 24. For more information or to obtain sponsor sheets, please call Hearts and Hands at 758-1300 or the Mattapoisett Police Department at 758-4141.

Candidates Night in Rochester

Candidates Night will be held at the Rochester Woman's Club on Monday, May 4 at 7:30 pm at the clubhouse on Route 105 in Rochester. All candidates running for office in the Town of Rochester are invited to speak at this public forum. The public is welcome to attend. For further information, please contact Gini Cutler at 763-2735.

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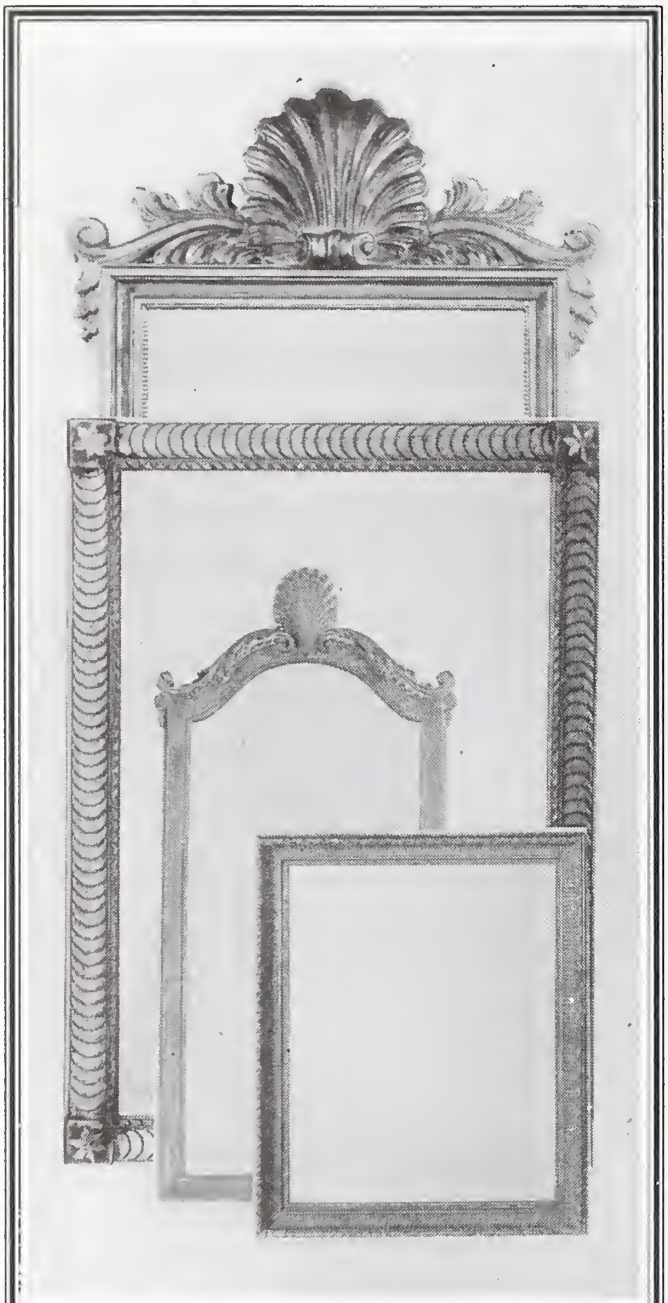

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Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island history will be featured once again during the Tenth Annual Benefit Auction of Paper Collectibles to be held under the auspices of the Mattapoisett Friends Meeting (Quaker). The date is Saturday, May 2.

More than 450 lots — ranging from whaling-related items to postcards to presidential autographs to artwork — will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale will be called by auctioneer Dennis Broadbent of Acushnet and will begin promptly at 9:00 am. It is expected to conclude about 12:30 pm.

Viewing will take place from 6:00 to 9:00 pm the evening before and from 7:00 to 9:00 am the day of the sale in the church hall, 103 Marion Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett.

Hearts and Hands Training

Hearts and Hands, Inc., a Christian ministry helping medically-fragile children and their families, is pleased to announce the beginning of their next volunteer training program beginning May 13, 1998. The program will run on Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for eight consecutive weeks at the Hearts and Hands office, 4 Church Street Extension in Mattapoisett.

This is a formalized training program designed to train volunteers in all aspects of helping children and their families. For more information or to register, please call Hearts and Hands' office at 758-1300.

YMCA Camp Massasoit

Camp Massasoit offers a variety of activities allowing campers to grow as individuals, learn new skills among their peers and have fun. Spaces are still available in all four two-week sessions and runs June 29 to August 21. Programs include half-day Scamper Camp for boys and girls age 4, full-day Basic Camp for ages 5 to 14, Sailing Camp for ages 10 to 14, and Adventure Camp for ages 11 to 14. Sports Camp is for children ages 8 to 13 and runs for one week (August 24 to 28). Camp Massasoit is accredited by the American Camping Association. Please contact the camp office for a copy of their free brochure at 758-4203.

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Friends of the Elderly - Mattapoisett

The Friends of the Elderly of Mattapoisett want to thank all those who baked for the Easter Pie Sale and, of course, those who bought the pies. Without them, the sale would not have been a success. As usual, the pies were all gone by 11:00. Hopefully next year the group will have more pies.

Rochester Woman's Club

The Rochester Woman's Club will be holding a Plant, Bake and Book Sale at the clubhouse on Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be annuals such as impatiens, marigolds, petunias, zinnias, dahlias, and geraniums available. Beautiful hanging baskets and fragrant lilac bushes may also be purchased. Shop early for the best selection of cakes, pies, and the like to satisfy your sweet tooth!

Legislative Breakfast in Marion

On Thursday, May 14 at 9:00 am, members of the community are invited to meet with their state legislators, Senator Marc R. Pacheco and Representative William M. Straus, and enjoy a breakfast at Harriet's, 7 Cottage Street in Marion.

Sponsored by the Marion/Mattapoisett/ Rochester League of Women Voters, the Legislative Breakfast will give citizens an opportunity to meet with their legislators. Those attending will have an opportunity to learn what is happening at the State House and to ask questions about legislation that concerns them.

Reservations are necessary. To make a reservation, please send your name and phone number with a check for $8 per person, made out to LWVMMR to: LWVMMR, P.O. Box 812, Marion, MA 02738 by May 10. For further information, please call Joan Andersen at 758-3545.

Talent Show in Fairhaven

Can you sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a little folklore, or have some other talent to share? If so, then St. Joseph's Parish wants you to be a part of its May parish gathering. On Saturday, May 2, a Talent Show will be held at St. Joseph's School Auditorium (Spring and Homestead Streets in Fairhaven). The show will begin at 7:00 pm.

Anyone who has a talent and would like to participate, is encouraged to do so by contacting Martha Bisaillon at 993-4569. There is no age limit. For those who do not want to participate in the talent show, the parish welcomes all members of the community to come and cheer on the many participants. St. Joseph's, a parish called by God to love, witness, evangelize and serve, invites the community to come together on May 2 to spend some time with friends and neighbors for what will be an enjoyable evening to remember.

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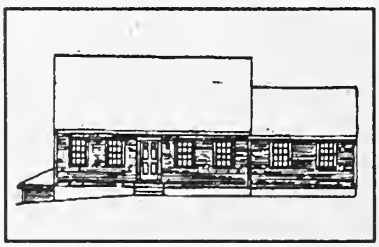
(655) **Fairhaven** Antique Gabled Cape. Pristine condition with waterviews. Over 1 acre, large barn, deck. **$369,900. David Arruda 991-5242**

(171) **Fairhaven** Ranch with in-law set up in country. Full workshop in shed and 3.72 acres. **$209,000. Elaine Gaspar 999-9743**



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Mattapoisett Christian Church

A worship service will be held at the Mattapoisett Christian Church, corner of Church and Baptist Streets in Mattapoisett, at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 3. The Reverend Nehemiah Boynton III, retired minister of the Congregational Church of South Dartmouth, will conduct the service. A warm welcome to the public is extended by the Trustees of the Church.

Rochester Washburn Scholarship

Any Rochester high school student who has been accepted to a four-year college may apply for the Ann White Washburn Scholarship Fund. To apply, please send a letter to Mrs. Vera Underhill, 570 North Avenue, Rochester, MA 02770. State the college you will be attending and the course of study you will be taking. Please include a brief account of your extracurricular activities while in school and any community service you have done. You must send your letter to Mrs. Underhill by May 19, 1998.

Joe Tomlinson Fellowship Award

Each year for over a decade, the Tri-Town Men's Fellowship has given the Joe Tomlinson Fellowship Award to a person or persons who have unselfishly given of themselves with love and compassion to help others. Nominees can come from any station or walk of life. It is the responsibility of the Joe Tomlinson Fellowship Award Committee to solicit nominations, gather background data, and submit qualified names to the Men's Fellowship.

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The award is presented at the Annual Meeting of the Tri-Town Men's Fellowship in June and all persons in the area are requested to submit the name(s) of candidates worthy of consideration in writing including a resume of the nominee's accomplishments. Send your nomination form before May 15, 1998 to the Men's Fellowship Award Committee, P.O. Box 545, Marion, MA 02738, and please include your telephone number for consultation.

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Safety Awareness in Rochester

The Snipatuit Pond Estates Neighborhood Association, Inc. has organized the fourth annual Rochester Safety Awareness Day on Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Memorial School. The group, along with the Rochester Police Department, Fire Department, and Memorial School personnel have contacted local, state and county safety and health professionals to present important information to benefit Rochester families. Several Rochester area businesses have donated funds to make the event free to the public.

There will be presentations and outdoor demonstrations for every age group. Some highlights will include: a rescue from a simulated burning building; video ID of children; eye screening; blood pressure monitoring; sign-up for a CPR course; and a program on gun safety. For more information, please call/fax the Snipatuit Pond Estates Neighborhood Association at 763-4278.

Woman's Club Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will award two scholarships this year. Please note: an applicant must be a resident of Mattapoisett, or a child/grandchild of a member of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. One $1,000 scholarship will be available for seniors at the local high schools, and applications are available at the guidance office of each school. The second scholarship is open for a re-entry Woman's Scholarship Program. Re-entry forms may be obtained from Linda Turcotte-Shamski at 758-2512.

Rochester Memories Wanted

The Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester would like to put together a collection of written memories and pictures of the town. Residents and non-residents of all

ages are invited to submit writing and artwork that captures the spirit of the Town of Rochester, or share a bit of its history. Entries might include a biographical sketch, an essay, a drawing, a poem, a photograph, or a story.

This is not a contest! Adults, young adults, and children are all invited to share their talent, creativity, and memories. Entries may be submitted at the library during regular hours. For more information, please call Lucy at the library at 763-8600. Entries will be published in book form, and will be available for sale in the fall. Deadline for submissions is July 31, 1998.

Marion Town Election

Absentee ballots are now available at the Marion Town Clerk's office for the local election to be held on May 1, 1998. Anyone wishing to vote prior to the election because of absence from town on Election Day may vote in the office during regular business hours until 12:00 noon on April 30, 1998. Upon receipt of written application, absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who are out of the area.

Fairhaven Visitors Center

Summer Brochure

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism has recently published a brochure of summer events for 1998, which is now available at the Visitors Center at 27 Center Street. You can pick up a copy during regular business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The telephone/fax number is 979-4085.

Slocum Centennial Events

• Friday, June 26 in Bristol, RI - Kick off the centennial weekend at the Herreshoff Marine Museum on the pier where Captain Nathaniel Herreshoff welcomed Captain Joshua Slocum. The festivities will include dockside presentations by grandson Halsey Herreshoff, museum personnel, dignitaries, and famous sailors, with a Slocum exhibit at the museum. Cocktails will be served at 5:00 pm, and a clambake made right on the shore of the newly-restored Herreshoff South Wharf at 6:00 pm. There is a charge for the cocktails and clambake. For more information, please call the Herreshoff Marine Museum at (401) 253-5000.

• Saturday, June 27 in Newport, RI - Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Slocum's arrival in Newport with these daytime events: a sail-in parade of boats at 11:00 am; a reenactment of Slocum's arrival by *Spray* replica; a waterfront reception from 11:45 am to 2:00 pm with noted sailors, officials, and Slocum descendants; special events at museum and yacht clubs.

• Sunday, June 28 in Fairhaven - Slocum's journey ended at Poverty Point, so too will the Slocum Celebration. The public is invited to join the Joshua Slocum Centennial Committee of Fairhaven for the day-long festivities. There are no admission charges. Events will include:

11:00 am - Memorial Service at Seamen's Bethel in New Bedford;

1:30 pm - Proclamation with Slocum descendants and dignitaries at Slocum Memorial on Pilgrim Avenue in the Poverty Point section of Fairhaven;

2:00 to 4:00 pm - Reception hosted by the Fairhaven Colonial Club at the Coggeshall Memorial House, Poverty Point. Refreshments, souvenirs, and sea chanteys by Compass Rose;

6:00 pm - Casting of memorial flowers into the harbor from hot-air balloon. The balloon lifts off from Poverty Point, weather-permitting;

Sunset - lowering of the Slocum pennant at Fort Phoenix.

Fairhaven Walking Tours

The Fairhaven Office of Tourism will be sponsoring the following series of walking tours. The tours were developed to highlight the history and attractions of several areas of town. From visiting an 1828 stone schoolhouse to learning about the battles at Revolutionary Fort Phoenix, there is something of interest to nearly everyone on these popular guided walks. The upcoming programs include:

• Saturday, May 2 at 2:00 pm - Fairhaven Center Tour. The tour begins at Willow Park, corner of Fort and South Streets, with guide Christopher Richard. It will last approximately 90 minutes and includes visits to Union

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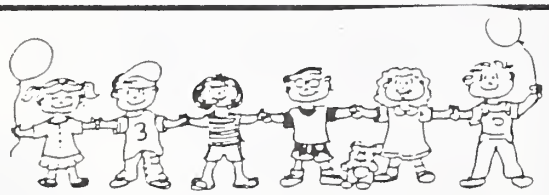
• Saturday, May 9 at 2:00 pm - Fort Phoenix Area Tour. The tour will begin at the Hurricane Barrier, Fort Street, with guide Christopher Richard. It will last approximately 90 minutes and include Revolutionary Fort Phoenix, histories of the Fort Street homes, an area that was once the estate of millionaire Henry Huttleston Rogers.

• Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 pm - Riverside Cemetery Tour. The tour begins inside cemetery entrance on Main Street with guide Natalie Hemingway. It will last approximately 90 minutes and include burial sites of prominent citizens including H. H. Rogers, Warren Delano, artists Lemuel Eldred and William Bradford, early headstone and monument art, and more in this lovely 1850 rural style cemetery.

In addition to the weekend tours, a weekday Henry Huttleston Rogers Tour is scheduled for every Thursday at 10:00 am beginning June 25. More in-depth focus on Standard Oil Company millionaire Henry Huttleston Rogers. These tours start at the Fairhaven Visitors Center, 27 Center Street, and take about 75 minutes.

For more information, please call the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 979-4085. The Visitors' Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.



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Rochester Civil War Reenactment

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Acushnet Council on Aging

SHINE Program

If you have problems with Health Insurance, please call to make an appointment to see Mr. Carter, the SHINE Representative, at 998-0280.

Massage

A free massage service for seniors is available Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Please call 998-0280 first.

ID Pictures

ID photos and T-train pictures are taken by appointment only at the Acushnet Senior Center. Please call 998-0280 to make an appointment.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing is still going on at the American Legion Hall now through April 30. Please call 998-0280 for an appointment or more information.

Internet Page

Visit the Acushnet COA on the world wide web at http://ww.gnbiz.com/ to get updated information.

Millicent Library - Fairhaven

The Millicent Library Book Discussion Group is concluding its spring program with a Poetry Reading by Ada Jill Schneider on Thursday, May 21 at 10:00 am in the library's auditorium. You can sign up at the desk or call 992-5342 for more information.

ORR "Dog Tags"

The sophomore class at Old Rochester Regional High School (Class of 2000) is currently sponsoring a fund-raising drive to sell "Dog Tags" for $5 each. These discount cards can be used by students, parents, faculty members, neighbors, friends to provide unlimited potential savings to select area businesses. The various discounts are good every day for the life of the card (through February, 1999), and are non-transferrable (so more than one per household is recommended). The cards fit easily in wallets. Please contact ORR High School (758-3745) to find out how you can purchase a Bulldog "Dog Tag."

Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers' next monthly Square and Round Dance will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 8:00 to 11:00 pm at the Acushnet Elementary School on Middle Road in Acushnet. The level will be mainstream-plus. For more information, please call 995-7204.

Marion Council on Aging

Walking Club

The Walking Club meets at 3:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in front of Sippican School. This is open to all ages.

Blood Pressure Clinic

The location of the Blood Pressure Clinic has been changed to Dr. Kootz's office at 312 Wareham Road in Marion. The hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 on Wednesday. This clinic is sponsored by the Friends of Marion Visiting Nurses.

Shopping

Shopping trips will be held every Tuesday — the van travels to the IGA in Wareham at 1:00 pm and on Friday at 9:00 am the van takes a trip to Shaw's in Fairhaven. Please call the COA at 748-3570 if you need a ride.

Senior Housing

Applications for Marion's senior housing, Little Neck Village, are available at the COA office for residents or their parents who are at least 60. Applications are also available for Marconi Village.

Legal Clinic

On Wednesday, May 5, there will be a Legal Clinic with private appointments. Attorney Natalie Cabral with the Seniors Law Project from the Southeastern Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation will be available to help with legal matters. Please call the Council on Aging to schedule an appointment (748-3570).

Transportation

FISH volunteers are available to drive seniors to doctor's appointments. A handicap van is available to anyone who needs it to go to doctor's appointments.

Soup Labels

Campbell soup labels and General Mills boxtops for Education are being collected by Annie Giberti to benefit Sippican School. Ms. Giberti has been providing this service for 16 years. Thank you, Annie! The labels may be dropped off at the Drop-In Center or COA.

Handicap Equipment

A variety of handicap equipment is available on loan free-of-charge. Examples include: hospital beds, walkers, commodes, canes, and the like. For more information, please call 748-3570.

Plumb Memorial Library - Rochester

"Make Something" Month

May is "Make Something" Month at the Plumb Memorial Library. Children ages 2 to 5 are invited to join the "Make Something" Club for four weeks in May. Sign up for all four sessions or come to those that interest you. Craft sessions will be held each Wednesday morning in May at 10:15 am.

Registration is required. Most crafts will require parental assistance. Please call the library at 763-8600 for more information.

Web Site

For information on everything going on at the library, please check out the library's web site at http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/5769/index.html. The site has lots of information on the library, as well as links to information on Rochester, surrounding towns, Massachusetts, and New England. We have a page for kids and teens with fantastic links to other sites. There's a health page, a town page, and a reference desk page where you can e-mail the library with reference questions. Answers are guaranteed! Don't forget to let them know you visited the site by e-mailing them at jhplumb@ultranet.com. Don't have Internet access at home? Come to the library and get it FREE! Internet access provided through the courtesy of Ultranet, Inc.

Library Hours

The Joseph Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester is open on Monday and Tuesday, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Wednesday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Thursday, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The library is

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Rochester Scholarship Committee

The Rochester Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that for the very first time there will be a $500 Town Scholarship available for a deserving Rochester senior graduating in the year 1998. Applications are available at Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, and the Rochester Town Hall. All applicants must be Rochester residents and graduating high school seniors who plan on attending a college, university, or trade school for the 1998-1999 academic school year. The deadline for applying is May 15. For more information, please contact the Rochester Town Hall at 763-3871.

Acushnet Town Clerk

Dog Licenses

Acushnet Town Clerk Richard Threlfall has announced that the 1998 Dog Licenses are now available in his office during regular working hours. In accordance with the Town of Acushnet By-Laws and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 137, all dogs over the age of three months must be licensed by the Town Clerk.

The license fee structure will remain the same as last year: Spayed female dogs and neutered male dogs -

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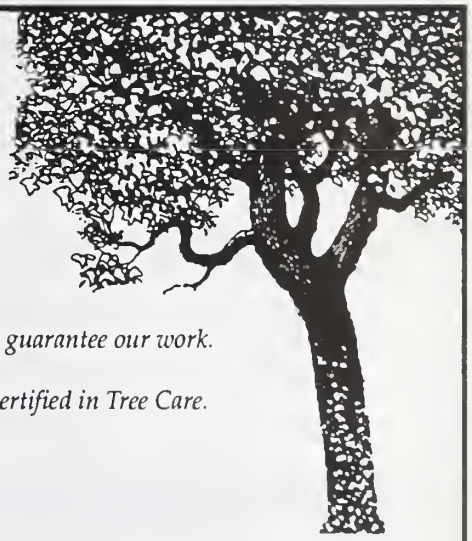

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ORR High School

Junior Prom

Old Rochester Regional High School's Class of 1999 will be having their Junior Prom on Friday, May 8, 1998. There will be a Promenade at the high school at about 5:00 pm for the parents and community to enjoy. To ensure an alcohol- and drug-free environment, an After-Prom Party will be held at Old Rochester Regional High School and hosted by parents of juniors and the administration. This year, for the very first time, the Party People of Connecticut will be setting up a carnival atmosphere with activities planned from 1:00 to 5:00 am.

Any business person or organization in the tri-towns that would like to make a donation (either monetary or towards raffle items to be given away during the After-Prom Party), please contact the class advisors, Anne O'Connell or Geralyn Dias at the high school (758-3745). All businesses/organizations will be recognized for their generosity in the local newspapers and at the After-Prom Party. The school wants to make this year's Junior Prom a memorable and safe time in the lives of all the students and they appreciate the generosity of all in helping to make it a success.

Rochester Students Stage Shakespeare

The Rochester Memorial School Drama Club is proud to announce the production of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. There will be an in-school dress rehearsal performance on Thursday,

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May 7 at 9:30 am, with public performances planned for Friday, May 8 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, May 9 at 7:00 pm. The production is comprised of 35 Grade 5 and 6 students and one Grade 2 student in the cast; and includes five fifth and sixth graders on the tech crew. The production is directed by Danni Kleiman with art directors Jody Church and Linda Tilden; costumer Chris Ashley; music by Chris Ashley and Chris Williamson; and choreography by Tracey Talbot.

Seawall Project Forges Ahead

The final push to raise almost $20,000 to complete the seawall project in Mattapoisett has been launched by the Mattapoisett Land Trust. To date more than $80,000 has been contributed by the general public and businesses for the work on the trust's so-called Munro parcel adjacent to the town wharves.

The wall was designed to stop storm-caused waves from eroding the property and contributing to the undermining of the town's Mello Wharf and the westernmost access road to all of the wharves.

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Cultural Council will conduct a Community Input Meeting, the purpose of which is to explain the mission of the Massachusetts Cultural Council and its local branches, and to encourage local groups to apply for funds.

A member of the Massachusetts Cultural Council will be on hand along with members of the local Marion council to answer questions about the application process. The public is invited to attend. The Marion Cultural Council awarded grants for the 1998 funding cycle to the following groups:

Friends of Old Rochester Drama (FORD); Marion Concert Band; Marion Natural History Museum; New Bedford Symphony Orchestra; Odyssey Chamber Players; Old Rochester Regional High School; Project GROW

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Pastry and Book Sale in Rochester

A Pastry and Children's Book Sale will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Rochester Senior Center next to the Fire Station on Harley Road. The event will benefit the Senior Building Fund.

Fairhaven High School

Spain Trip

The World Languages Department of Fairhaven High School is planning a fourteen-day summer trip to Spain with a tentative departure date of June 25, 1998. All area high school students are invited to apply to participate in this educational and cultural experience.

The trip is unique in that it will include a dormitory stay in Gijon (a town on the Northern Cantabrian coast), four days in Madrid, and a five-day homestay in Seville. While in Gijon, students will take Spanish language lessons in the morning and tour the Asturias region in the afternoon. Madrid tours include "old Madrid," the Plaza Mayor, the Royal Palace, museums, and shopping.

Students interested in this low-cost, Fairhaven High School sponsored trip should contact Ms. Eileen Girouard, Head of the World Languages Department at Fairhaven High School at 979-4053.

Marion Art Center

Art Scholarship

The Annual Butterfield Art Scholarship Prize Exhibition and Competition for high school seniors is now

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on display at the Marion Art Center through May 6. At the same time, there will be an exhibition of work by senior Fine Arts Majors from UMass Dartmouth installed in the Cecil Clark Davis Gallery coordinated by professor Severin Haines. This annual event is organized by Patricia White with Ben Dunham and Michael Taylor, Scholarship Committee Chairpersons.

The galleries at the Marion Art Center are open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion. Admission is FREE. For more information, please call 748-1266.

Young People's Theater

The Young People's Theater at the Marion Art Center will present their final shows. On Sunday, May 3 at 1:00 pm, Grades 4 - 6 will perform "Dick Whittington and his Cat," adapted by Joseph Jacobs, directed by Michele Kelley. The cast includes Dana Baarsvik, Joey Burnett, Matthew Cronin, Margaret Evans, Elliot Grover, Emily Havel, Molly Laine, Katie Sklut, Zelig Stern, and Bethany Wright.

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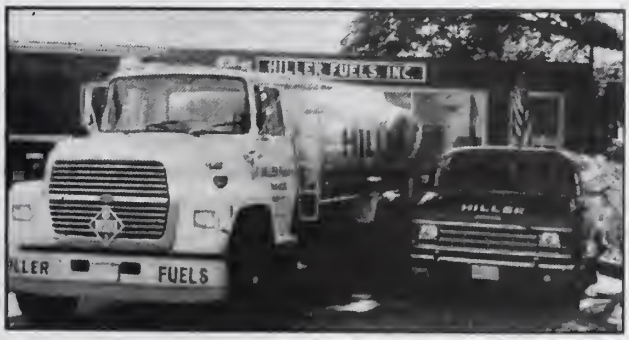

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"Falling Asleep," an original play written and directed by Jessica Shepardson, will be presented by the advanced theater class on Friday, May 8 at 8:00 pm, and Saturday, May 9 at 1:00 pm. The cast includes: Ronan Babbitt, Amanda Bryan-Brown, Emily Chambers, Mark Barry, Will Brown, Nia Britto, Matthew Collins, Patrick Giddings, Lindsay Irving, Charlie Latham, Christopher May, and Becky Nourse.

ARTCAMP

Applications for ARTCAMP, a program for children ages four and a half to nine, are now being accepted at the Marion Art Center. There are three two-week sessions beginning July 7. Children are grouped by age and have activities in arts and crafts, theater, music, story telling, and more. ARTCAMP meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Space is limited. Please call 748-1266 for more information.

"Big Top" Comes to Rochester

The Rochester Lions Club is sponsoring the largest circus on the road today, the Carson and Barnes Circus. It will be coming to Rochester on Sunday, July 5, 1998. The Big Top will be set up right next to the Plumb Corner Mall on Route 105 (across from Town Hall). If you are a senior, you will recall the thrill of going to the Barnum and Bailey's Circus. Here is your opportunity to experience the same thrill once again. Come down to the lot between 8:30 am and 11:00 am and watch the elephants help put up the Big Top. If your timing is right, you may see them feeding the lions, tigers, rhinos, hippos, camels, giraffes, and other animals.

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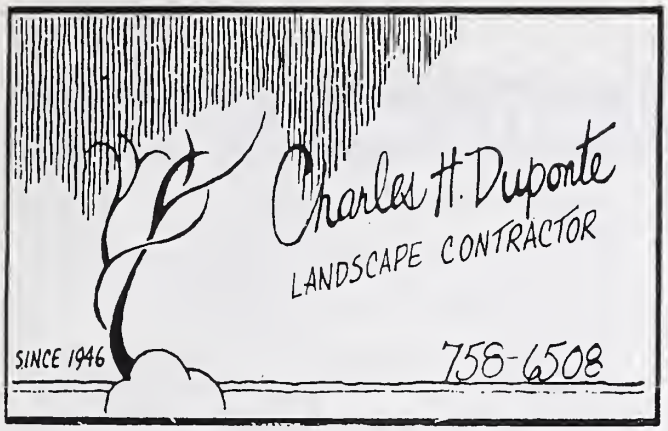

make you cringe, and a giant elephant parade of at least 17 of Carson and Barnes' 30 elephants!

To save money, buy your tickets in advance of Circus Day from a Lions Club member, Lloyd's Market, Towne Pizza, or at the Council on Aging office. Adult tickets are $8, children tickets (2 to 11 years) are $4. Your advance purchase will save $2 on adult tickets and $1 on children's tickets. Your early purchase provides the Lions Club with a commission on each ticket sold to further community efforts, so please help to support your local Lions Club.

Marion Natural History Museum

Salt Marsh Walk

On May 29 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, the museum will be bringing the children to Aucoot Cove for a Salt Marsh Walk with Fred Hutchings to investigate the plants and animals of the salt marsh environment. If your child needs a ride, please be sure to fill out the permission slip (available at the museum and Elizabeth Taber Library). No permission slip, no ride!

Bones!

On June 8 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, plan to get an intimate look at a human skeleton as the museum presents: Bones! Plan to get really close to the body's framework during this program with Biologist Catherine Russell.

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Local Police Logs

■ ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 20 through April 26, 1998:

• Hamlin Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
• Fairway Drive – vandalism
• Nye's Lane – vandalism
• James Street – disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace
• Middle Road – domestic disturbance
• Boylston Street – vandalism
• Sears Lane – assault with hands/summons issued (assault and battery)
• Sears Lane – vandalism
• South Main Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
• Wing Lane – vandalism
• Pope Park – summons issued (operating motor vehicle with revoked registration, concealing ID of number plate)
• Dayton Street – harassment
• Hope Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
• Main Street – domestic disturbance
• Margaret Street - vandalism
• Hope Street – domestic disturbance
• South Main Street – motor vehicle accident
• Clifford Street – annoying/obscene phone calls
• Kings Highway – motor vehicle accident
• Boylston Street – domestic disturbance
• Slocum Street – simple assault, no injury
• South Main Street – motor vehicle accident
• Main Street – disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace
• Mendall Road – vandalism
• Hope Street – runaway
• Perry Hill Road – impounded dog/dangerous animal
• Main Street – adult arrest (operating the influence: second offense, failure to keep right on hill).

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 19 through April 25, 1998:

• Island Wharf Road – officer wanted
• Spring Street – missing person
• Inland Road – animal complaint
• Front Street – general offense
• Mill Street – animal complaint
• Hermitage Road – animal complaint
• Front Street – breaking and entering/past
• Point Road – officer wanted
• Mill Street – officer wanted
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Front Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor and drugs, reckless operation of motor vehicle, possession of Class B substance)
• Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – suspicious person
• Joanne Drive – annoying phone calls
• Mill Street – animal complaint
• Front Street – suspicious person
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Cottage Street – animal complaint
• Spring Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Spring Street – animal complaint
• Wareham Road – general disturbance
• Cross Neck Road – weapons violation
• Mill Street – vandalism/past.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 19 through April 25, 1998:

• County Road – returned property
• Heritage Lane – loose dog
• Wolf Island Road – motor vehicle accident
• Angelica Avenue – suspicious activity/persons
• Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – retumed license to owner
• Brant Beach Avenue - vandalism/property damage/vehicle hit mailbox
• Fairhaven Road – vandalism/property damage
• Kerwin Avenue – vandalism/damage to lawn
• Acushnet Road – protective custody (adult)
• North Street – lost and found
• County Road – gas spill reported
• County Road – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – motor vehicle accident
• Barrett Drive – barking dog complaint
• Brandt Island Road – motor vehicle accident/past
• Ryans Way – vandalism/past
• County Road – personal threats (threats to kill)
• Tobey Lane – motor vehicle accident
• Randall Lane – suspicious activity.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 19 through April 27, 1998:

• Bowen's Lane – house check
• New Bedford Road – animal control matter/lost dog
• Vaughan Hill Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
• Wolf Island Road – motor vehicle accident
• Walnut Plain Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Walnut Plain Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• North Avenue – adult arrest (warrant)
• Walnut Plain Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• North Avenue – adult arrest (default warrant)
• Rounseville Road – breaking and entering/past
• Burgess Avenue – officer wanted
• New Bedford Road – adult arrest (breaking and entering)
• Sarah Sherman Road – vandalism
• Quaker Lane – suspicious activity
• Outdoor World – officer wanted
• Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Stuart Road – suspicious activity
• Hiller Road – suspicious activity
• Walnut Plain Road – officer wanted
• Jason's Lane – noise complaint
• Marion Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence)
• Walnut Plain Road – vandalism
• Clapp Road – civil complaint
• New Bedford Road – adult arrest (warrant).

Marion Natural History Museum, please call 748-2098.

Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Dog Licenses

The 1998 Dog Licenses are now overdue. If you have questions, please call 758-4103, otherwise send in your dog's information and a check and they will mail a license to you. If you are in doubt about a current rabies shot, the Town Clerk's office will check it for you and provide the name of your vet. Late fees go into effect on June 1.

Mooring/Boat Stickers

1998 boat mooring permits, boat stickers, and wharf and skiff renewals are now overdue. Send the bill you received with the proper payment — including a $25 late fee — to the Town Clerk's office and your permit and sticker will be mailed to you. If you have any questions, please call 758-4103. The late fee is increased to $50 per bill on June 1.

Town Hall Gifts

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Free Bridge Lessons

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Russell Memorial Library

Zoo Passes

The Russell Memorial Library in Acushnet now has passes available for the Roger Williams Zoo. These passes are available year-round. Upon presentation of the library pass to the zoo cashier, any combination of four adults and/or children will pay only the discount rate for admission. The rate is $1.75 per child (3 to 12) and senior (62 and up), and $3 per adult.

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■ *The Big Hit*. Starring Mark Wahlberg and Lou Diamond Phillips. Directed by Che-Kirk Wong. Running time: 93 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

Is Quentin Tarantino the worst thing to happen to American movies in the '90's? In rational, cool-headed moments, you'd probably say no. But after suffering through some of the Tarantinoid rip-offs of the last couple of years — like 2 *Days in the Valley* and the abominable new *The Big Hit* — you catch yourself wishing that *Reservoir Dogs* and *Pulp Fiction* had flopped, so that no wannabe-hip filmmakers would want to emulate him and no studio would want to bankroll the rip-offs.

The Big Hit wants to be ironic and grisly in the tradition of Tarantino, mixing blood 'n' guts with knee-slappers (two guys dump trash bags full of severed limbs into a car trunk — that's the movie's first shot), but it achieves only a jokey tone of free-floating triviality. The script, by rookie writer Ben Ramsey, is among the most disgraceful screenplays ever to be produced by a major studio (Tri-Star). It plays as if written by Tarantino's cretinous evil twin — it has no connection whatsoever to life outside video stores, and almost everyone on the screen is annoying and shallow.

Mark Wahlberg is the "hero," Melvin Smiley, a soft-hearted hit man who wants to please everyone. "I can't stand it when people don't like me," he says — which raises the question of why he got into killing for hire. Essentially, Melvin is Dirk Diggler with a big gun instead of a — well, let's not go there; both characters are too sensitive for the callous lives they lead. One gets the impression that Wahlberg is trying to atone for his real-life street-punk background by playing doe-eyed male waifs in movies like this and *Boogie Nights*. But at least he isn't actively irritating.

No, that honor is reserved for Lou Diamond Phillips, who plays Cisco, Melvin's duplicitous partner. Cisco kidnaps a Japanese student (China Chow), the daughter of a big executive who's just gone broke making a flop movie. When Cisco learns that the student is the goddaughter of his menacing boss Paris (Avery Brooks, wasted here),

he frames Melvin and spends many scenes flashing his fake gold tooth and beating a certain twelve-letter epithet into the ground. Phillips is doing a Gary Oldman turn (specifically, Oldman's Drexl the dreadlocked pimp in *True Romance*), but the problem is that Phillips is to Oldman what Cheez Whiz is to caviar.

The director-for-hire here is Che-Kirk Wong, who did the well-respected Jackie Chan film *Crime Story*, and he throws in a lot of impressive stuntwork. Too bad the unscannable Cuisinart editing turns it into gibberish. The worst thing about the editing is what it leaves in. I, for one, would have deleted each and every frame dealing with Melvin's fiancée (Christina Applegate) and her dreadful Jewish-stereotype parents, as well as the material about his other girlfriend (Lela Rochon), who keeps harping on him to make money to pay her bills. But this is really nitpicking — the entire *movie* is composed of scenes that go nowhere.

For an example of an excellent movie that does everything this film so ineptly tries to do, look at *Grosse Pointe Blank*, from which *The Big Hit* swipes so blatantly that John Cusack should get a screen credit. *GPB* was about something besides hipster irony and farcical violence; *The Big Hit* is about nothing except cynicism and sensation. It's the worst of the worst — an example of a new lazy trend in screenwriting, wherein the writer just assembles cool stuff from other movies that he wants to see all together in one movie. Tarantino does that, too, but he can get away with it because he writes sizzling dialogue and rich characters. If only the new hipsters emulated *those* Tarantinoid trademarks! But skillful characterization — even *competent* characterization — seems quite beyond them.

So I end with another question: *The Big Hit* will very likely be the worst major release of the year, but would I go so far as to call it the worst film of the decade? In a rational, cool-headed moment, I might say no. But I think of *Pulp Fiction* and the great independent-film renaissance it could have inspired, and then I think of miserable movies like this, which is what it actually has inspired ... I don't know; it's a tough call. What movie of the '90's could be worse than *The Big Hit*?

Movie Listings

■ CINEMA 140

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Friday (May 1) through Thursday (May 7)

Les Miserables* (PG-13) – Fri: 3:00, 6:45, 9:30; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 3:00, 6:45, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 6:45, 9:20

Lost In Space (PG-13) – Fri: 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00; Sat/Sun: 11:45, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:15

My Giant (PG) – Fri: 2:15, 4:45; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45; Mon-Thu: 6:30

Species II (R) – Fri-Sun: 7:30, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 9:00

City of Angels (PG-13) – Fri: 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 6:45, 9:00

The Big Hit (R) – Fri: 2:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:15; Sat/Sun: 12:30, 2:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 7:15, 9:15

The Odd Couple II (PG-13) – Fri: 2:15, 7:00; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:15, 7:00; Mon-Thu: 7:00

Tomorrow Never Dies (PG-13) – Fri-Sun: 4:30, 9:00; Mon-Thu: 9:00

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Route 6 and Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.
Movie Line: 999-3141 / Office: 999-3142

Friday (May 1) through Thursday (May 7)

Primary Colors (R) – 12:30, 3:30, 6:20, 9:00

Object of My Affection (R) – 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20

Wild Things (R) – 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 9:40

Black Dog (R) – 12:50, 3:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

He Got Game (R) – 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:20

Major League 3 (PG-13) – 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Scream 2 (R) – 1:20, 4:00, 6:30, 9:10

Paulie (PG) – 12:40, 2:50, 4:50, 6:50, 8:50

Titanic (PG-13) – 12:30, 4:15, 8:00

Good Will Hunting (R) – 12:50, 3:50, 6:40, 9:10

Grease (PG) – 7:10, 9:30

Mercury Rising (R) – 1:10, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00

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The COA meets every second Tuesday of each month in the Mattapoisett Senior Center at 9:30 am. If you are a resident of Mattapoisett and would be interested in serving as a volunteer member of the COA, please write to Jo Pannell, COA Chairman, c/o Town Hall, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

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Thursday, May 7 — Roast turkey with gravy, whipped potatoes, winter squash, whole wheat roll, strawberry shortcake.

Friday, May 8 — Pork patty with gravy, scalloped potatoes, peas, pumpernickel bread, applesauce.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, May 4 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, soup, milk.

Tuesday, May 5 — Chicken patty, or ham and cheese pocket, oven puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 6 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, or chicken fajita pocket, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 7 — Pizza or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, May 8 — HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins (no lunch served).

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, May 4 — Grilled cheese sandwich, meatball sub, grated mozzarella, mac rib sub, chicken salad pocket, potato puffs, baked beans, applesauce, raspberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, May 5 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, hamburger/cheeseburger, turkey and lettuce wrap, salad, green beans, chilled peaches, peanut butter brownie.

Wednesday, May 6 — Shepherd's pie with gravy, shaved turkey club, Steak'Um sub, ham and cheese wrap, salad, carrots, mixed fruit, apple crisp with topping.

Thursday, May 7 — Turkey pie with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, blueberry jello with topping.

Friday, May 8 — Cheese pizza, sausage pizza, "hero" sub, oven fries, baked beans, chilled applesauce, sweet potato pie with topping.

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Monday, May 4 — Grilled cheese sandwich, meatball sub, grated mozzarella, mac rib sub, chicken salad pocket, potato puffs, baked beans, applesauce, raspberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, May 5 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, hamburger/cheeseburger, turkey and lettuce wrap, salad, green beans, chilled peaches, peanut butter brownie.

Wednesday, May 6 — Shepherd's pie with gravy, shaved turkey club, Steak'Um sub, ham and cheese wrap, salad, carrots, mixed fruit, apple crisp with topping.

Thursday, May 7 — Turkey pie with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, blueberry jello with topping.

Friday, May 8 — Cheese pizza, sausage pizza, "hero" sub, oven fries, baked beans, chilled applesauce, sweet potato pie with topping.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, May 4 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, soup, milk.

Tuesday, May 5 — Chicken patty, or ham and cheese pocket, oven puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 6 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, or chicken fajita pocket, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 7 — Pizza or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, May 8 — HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins (no lunch served).

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Monday, May 4 — Chicken patty sandwich, French fries, carrots, cranberry sauce, marble cake.

Tuesday, May 5 — Italian sausage sandwich with onions and peppers, potato puffs, corn, apple crisp.

Wednesday, May 6 — Fruit juice, hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, peas, jello.

Thursday, May 7 — Vegetable soup, bologna and cheese sandwich, pretzels, veggie sticks, sliced peaches.

Friday, May 8 — Juice, pizza, hash brown patties, green beans, dessert.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

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Tuesday, May 5 — Chicken patty, or ham and cheese pocket, oven puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 6 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, or chicken fajita pocket, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 7 — Pizza or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, May 8 — HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins (no lunch served).

■ ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, May 4 — Soup, Sloppy Joe, chicken fritters, green beans, fruit, juice or milk.

Tuesday, May 5 — Turkey with gravy, or chicken fillet, mashed potato, carrots, roll, fruit, juice or milk.

Wednesday, May 6 — Soup, American chop suey, chicken patty, broccoli, garlic bread, pudding, fruit, juice or milk.

Thursday, May 7 — Baked chicken, or Italian sub, rice, peas, applesauce, roll, fruit, juice or milk.

Friday, May 8 — HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, fruit, juice or milk (no lunch served).

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Monday, May 4 — Toasted cheese, or tuna pocket, tossed salad, soup, milk.

Tuesday, May 5 — Chicken patty, or ham and cheese pocket, oven puffs, veggie sticks, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 6 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, or chicken fajita pocket, lettuce, tomato, cheese, nachos, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 7 — Pizza or tuna pocket, soup, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday, May 8 — HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins (no lunch served).

■ ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN

Monday, May 4 — Grilled cheese sandwich, meatball sub, grated mozzarella, mac rib sub, chicken salad pocket, potato puffs, baked beans, applesauce, raspberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, May 5 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, hamburger/cheeseburger, turkey and lettuce wrap, salad, green beans, chilled peaches, peanut butter brownie.

Wednesday, May 6 — Shepherd's pie with gravy, shaved turkey club, Steak'Um sub, ham and cheese wrap, salad, carrots, mixed fruit, apple crisp with topping.

Thursday, May 7 — Turkey pie with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot ham and cheese, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, blueberry jello with topping.

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Friends Group

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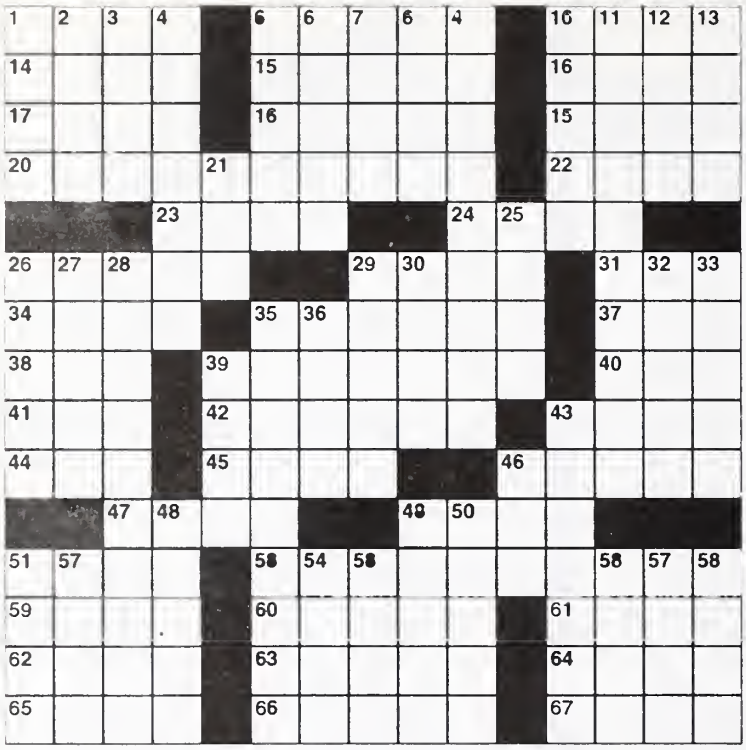

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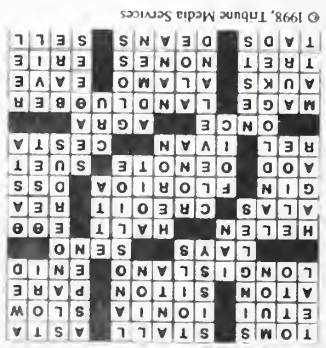

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Use money that comes from far away to make your work easier. Postpone chores so you can get in more reading time instead.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You're very strong. Remember to be gentle too. Money will slip through your fingers unless you keep a tight grip on it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You'll be much stronger, although you still have to complete a tough assignment. Money is coming in for work previously done.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Make plans with friends and follow through on them. Accept the applause. You've earned it. The money comes in.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Just do as you're told. Save your complaints for your friends. They'll be glad to give you sympathy and good advice. What's required, however, is work and research.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Entertain a creative person's advances. An older person's demands interfere with your domestic plans. Remember to take care of obligations even if you don't feel like it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The deal you close could help you gain financial security. Make sure loved ones' considerations are all answered before you sign anything.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Finalize new living arrangements so you can buy household items together. Travel and romance with foreigners is favored. Don't wait for it to happen. Be pro-active.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Dig in to complete a tough assignment. Heed your friends' coaching to win. Pay off a debt and you'll be able to borrow more.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may have to cancel your appointment. You're having too much fun with your sweetheart to go anywhere.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Stay home as much as possible. Domestic chores interfere with other plans. A partner can help bail you out of a jam.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). State your position boldly. You are right. Use what you've learned to help you get a big job done.

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Applications for membership are available at the Mattapoisett Library, 7 Barstow Street, or by calling 758-4171.

New Hours

The Mattapoisett Public Library will extend its Saturday hours to 3:00 pm beginning June 1. It now closes at 1:00 pm.

In the Fall, more evening hours will be added during the week, according to the newly-elected Chairman of the Library Trustees, Bette Roberts. The extra hours are in response to the results of a survey of library patrons earlier this year.

Ms. Roberts said the new hours are possible because two staff positions unfilled for about 10 months have been filled. Barbara Perrault has begun as a Technical Services staffer and Melissa Correira as Library Technician.

Other trustees elected to new positions this week were: Joan Andersen (clerk); Bob Walter (treasurer); Bob Atkinson (building and grounds); and Betty Theriault and Bob Walter (computer committee).

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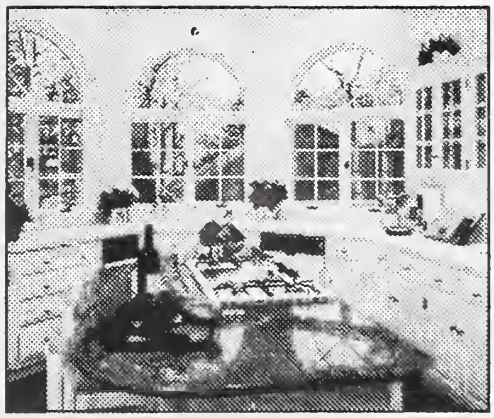

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TOP VIDEO RENTALS

1. **Devil's Advocate**, *Keanu Reeves, Al Pacino*, Warner Home Video, (R)
2. **The Game**, *Michael Douglas, Sean Penn*, PolyGram Video, (R)
3. **The Edge**, *Anthony Hopkins, Alec Baldwin*, FoxVideo, (R)
4. **In & Out**, *Kevin Kline, Joan Cusack*, Paramount, (PG-13)
5. **The Full Monty**, *Robert Carlyle, Mark Addy*, FoxVideo, (R)
6. **G.I. Jane**, *Demi Moore*, Hollywood Pictures, (R)
7. **Air Force One**, *Harrison Ford, Glenn Close*, Columbia TriStar, (R)
8. **The Peacemaker**, *George Clooney, Nicole Kidman*, Universal, (R)
9. **Mad City**, *Dustin Hoffman, Martin Lawrence*, Warner Home Video, (PG-13)
10. **Mimic**, *Mira Sorvino, Jeremy Northam*, Buena Vista Home Entertainment, (R)

TRIVIALITIES

1.In the 1995 movie *"The Babysitter"* what actress played the title role?

2. John Turturro won Best Actor honors at the 1991 Cannes Film Festival for what movie?

3.Betty Hutton portrayed Wild West Show favorite Annie Oakley in the 1950 film musical? What actress played Annie on the Broadway stage?

4. Who directed the 1958 film musical *"South Pacific"*? Hint: He also wrote the stage play on which the film was adapted.

5. In what year did Elizabeth Taylor and Montgomery Clift star in the film *"Raintree County"*?

6.In the 1940 film *"Knute Rockne, All American"* what actor portrayed the title role?

7. What war was highlighted in the 1970 Clint Eastwood film *"Kelly's Heroes"*?

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ANSWERS TO TRIVIALITIES

1. Alicia Silverstone, 2. "Barton Fink," 3. Ethel Merman, 4.Joshua Logan, 5. 1957, 6.Pat O'Brien, 7. World War II

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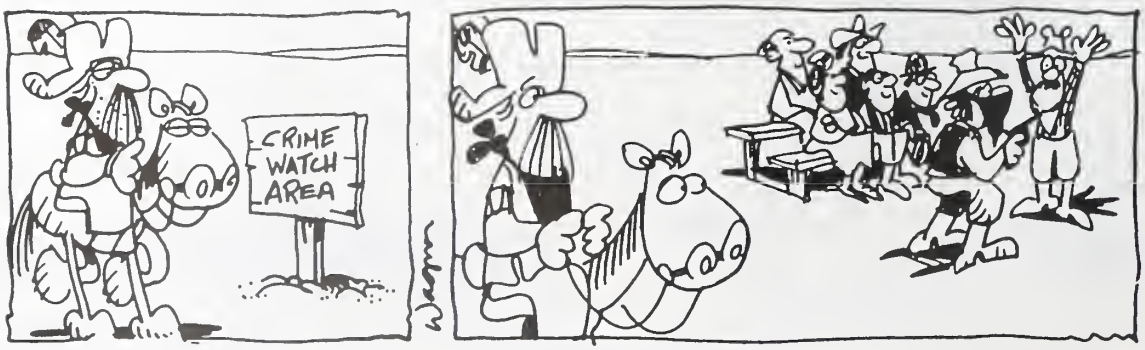

for: John F. Kennedy Library, Columbia Point, Boston (free pass for four); Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (free for two adults per pass - library has two passes available); Museum of Science, Boston (coupon for four, $1 per person for specific dates - does not include Omni or Planetarium tickets); Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth (free admission for two adults and two children, daily April to November); Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence (discounted pass for four, $2.50 per adult, $1.25 for children and seniors - does not include Jurassic Journey).

Passes can be reserved at the library or by calling 758-4171, according to Sue Tweedy, Library Director. The pass program is financed by specified gifts, unspecified gifts and donations to the library.

Veterans License Plates

The Office of Veterans Services for the towns of Mattapoisett and Rochester has received an updated copy of the application for Veterans License Plates including a Veterans Flag, Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Bronze Star. Military decals for these plates indicating the war era served and branch of service are also available. For further information, please contact Harvey Blanchette, Veterans Agent, or his secretary in the Mattapoisett Town Hall at 758-4114, Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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• July 23 - Boston Harbor 4-Hour Cruise with lunch: Bicentennial Pageant for the USS Constitution. Program will include International Naval Parade and Farewell Salute to Naval Vessels from 14 countries. Price includes motorcoach: $59 per person.

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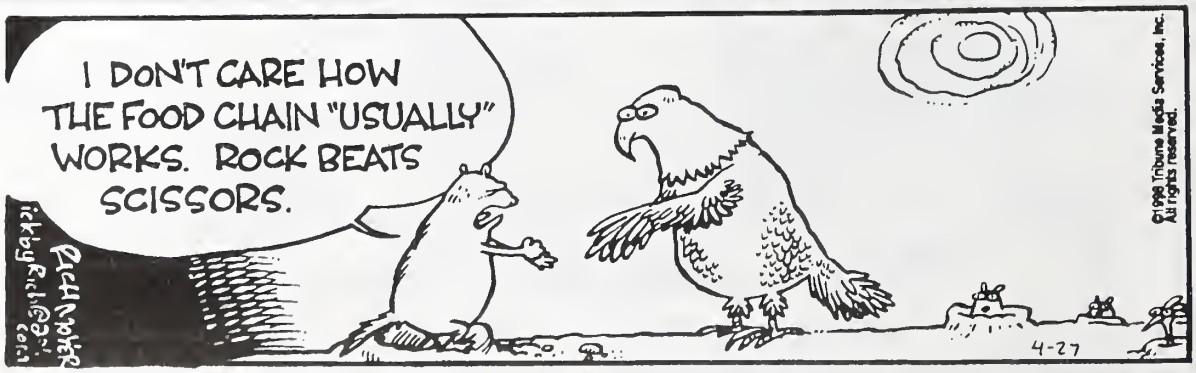

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• December 29 through January 2 - Five-Day California Trip to Tournament of Roses Parade, New Year's Party, Mann's Chinese Theater, Star's Walk of Fame, and the like. Price is $1,199 per person.

For more information or to make reservations, please call Rosalie or Jim at 758-2887.

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The Sippican Seniors have planned the following trips to which everyone is invited:

• May 11 - 15 - Five-Day Wildwood, NJ Trip at Aqua Beach Hotel. Includes two dinners, four breakfasts, two trips to Atlantic City with bonus, Dixieland Cruise, and visit to Cape May. Cost is $215 twin occupancy.

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• May 25 - 27 - Three-Day Anchorage Inn Trip in Ogunquit, ME. Includes two nights at a hotel, two excellent dinners, two breakfasts, with sight-seeing. Cost is $199 twin occupancy.

• June 2 - Boston Duck Tour in Boston, MA. Includes lunch at Amelia's with choice of baked scrod or breast of chicken. Cost is $43 per person.

• June 15 - 17 - Red Coach Inn in Franconia, NH. Two nights, six meals, two nights' entertainment including line dancing, shopping, and touring. Cost is $199 twin occupancy.

• July 14 - Rhode Island Lobster Bake - Includes lobster, clambake, or prime rib. Also includes shopping and tour of Wickford. Cost is $42 per person.

• July 28 - Cape Cod Dinner Train. Luncheon is baked scrod or beef stir fry. Also visit Hyannis Christmas Tree Shop and Plaza. Cost is $42 per person.

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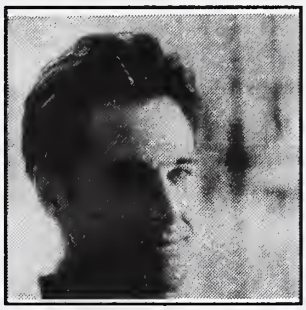
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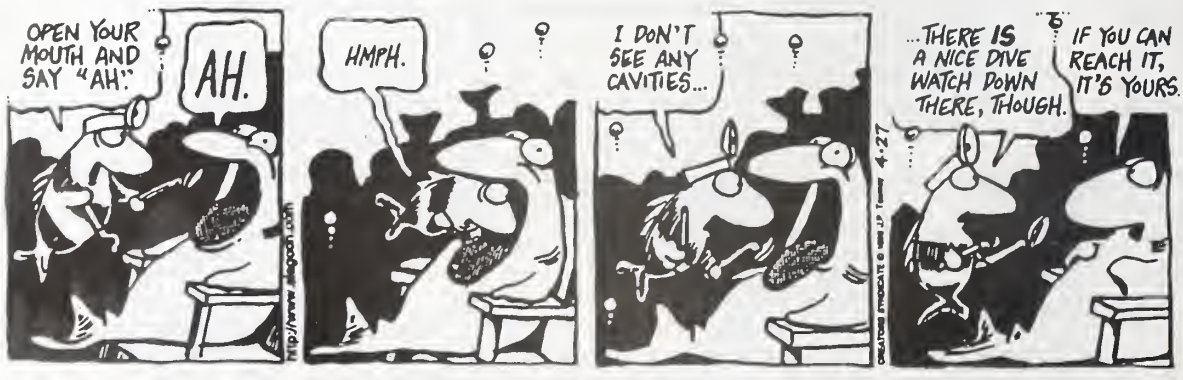

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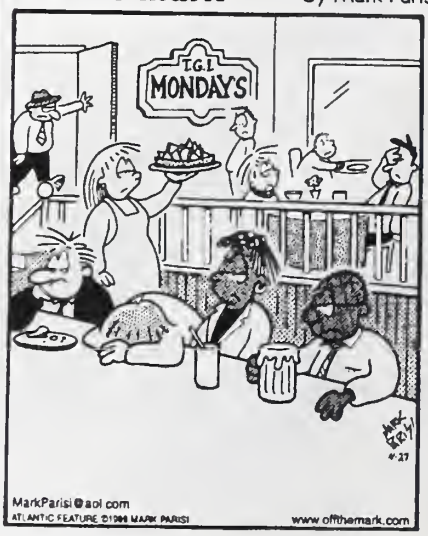

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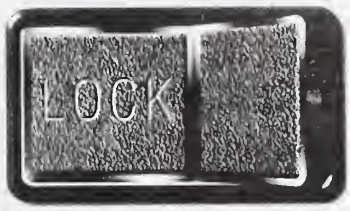

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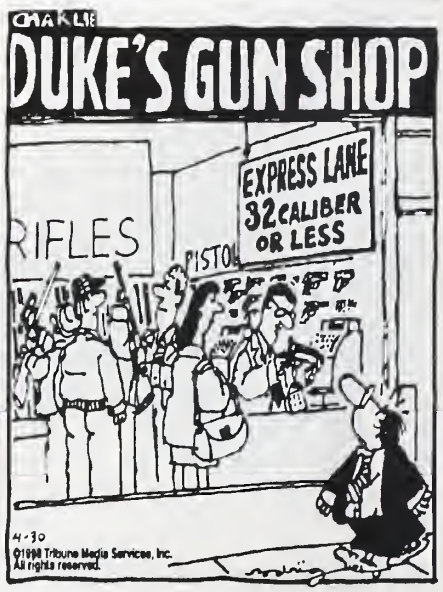

ORR School District

Diversity Committee

The Diversity Committee for the Old Rochester Regional School District is looking for new members. This committee meets three to four times during the school year and is devoted to increasing diversity awareness in the schools. In the past, the diversity committee has assisted in planning the global fairs for the Junior and Senior High Schools and has worked on collecting resource materials for the school libraries. The committee is hoping to start the year off with more innovative projects and is looking forward to working with community members, parents and teachers who are interested in diversity education. The next meeting will be in January. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please call Diana at 758-2772, extension 18.

Mattapoisett Oil Recycling

Mattapoisett residents are now able to use the Town of Fairhaven's used oil recycling facility. The facility is open from 8:15 am to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday. There is a charge of 25 cents per gallon and $1 per oil filter. Mattapoisett residents will need to show proof of residence. Any questions may be directed to the Mattapoisett Board of Health office at 758-4112.

Mattapoisett Fire Department

During the Mattapoisett Fire Department's annual battery/smoke detector distribution, it was called to their attention that some of the batteries placed in detectors are not being put in correctly. Please make sure the batteries are connected properly. The detector will "beep" when the connection is made. If you question if your detector is in working order, the Fire Department will be happy to come and check to insure your safety. Please call 758-4150 between 8:30 and 11:00 am.

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April 30:	Thur.	11:55	. . .	5:26	5:28
May 1:	Fri.	12:19	12:51	6:19	6:23
May 2:	Sat.	1:16	1:50	7:19	7:28
May 3:	Sun.	2:15	2:50	8:29	8:55
May 4:	Mon.	3:15	3:48	9:45	10:26
May 5:	Tues.	4:12	4:41	10:45	11:27
May 6:	Wed.	5:04	5:30	11:28	. . .
May 7:	Thur.	5:52	6:15	12:11	11:59
May 8:	Fri.	6:37	6:58	12:43	12:27
May 9:	Sat.	7:18	7:37	1:11	12:57
May 10:	Sun.	7:59	8:17	1:39	1:28
May 11:	Mon.	8:40	8:56	2:10	2:01
May 12:	Tues.	9:20	9:35	2:42	2:36
May 13:	Wed.	10:01	10:16	3:16	3:12
May 14:	Thur.	10:43	10:57	3:52	3:51
May 15:	Fri.	11:27	11:43	4:32	4:34
May 16:	Sat.	. . .	12:16	5:15	5:22
May 17:	Sun.	12:33	1:10	6:03	6:17

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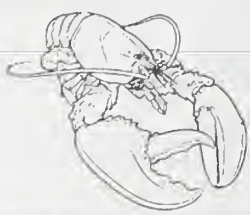

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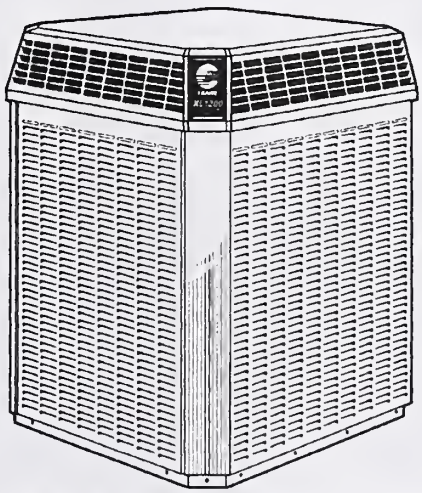

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